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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : )  
Tatsuo HOSHINO and Masako SHINJOH )  
Serial No.: 10/528,899 ) Examiner: K. Ariani  
Filed: March 23, 2005 ) Art Unit: 1651  
For: **PRODUCTION OF L-ALDONOLACTONE** )

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 9, 2007, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before April 9, 2008. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1050.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees, or any other fees, not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.